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SUBJ: POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF WEST BANK MAYORS

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1. SUMMARY: WEST BANK MAYORS ARE REPORTEDLY PREPARING A JOINT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PLO TO SEND TO THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC). SEPARATE JOINT STATEMENT TO PROTEST HEALTH TAX PRESENTED TO MILGOV. TEXTS AND TONE FAMILIAR, BUT INCREASING COORDINATION AND CONFIDENCE INTERESTING. END SUMMARY.

2. THE WEST BANK MUNICIPALITIES ARE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING A JOINT STATEMENT FOR THE PNC WHICH MEETS MARCH 12 IN CAIRO, ACCORDING TO AL QUDS, MARCH 4. THE STATEMENT REPORTEDLY EXPRESSES COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
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PALESTINIANS AND PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR ANY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL.

3. A SEPARATE STATEMENT PRESENTED TO THE MILGOV MAR. 3 PROTESTS "NEW HEALTH FEES" IMPOSED IN THE HOSPITALS OF THE WEST BANK. AS REPORTED BY AL FAJR, MAR. 4, THE MAYORS OBJECT THAT INCREASED

FEES WILL DEPRIVE 90 PERCENT OF WEST BANK RESIDENTS  
HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC STATE OF LABORERS.

4. COMMENT: TOGETHER WITH STATEMENTS DRAFTED  
FOR UNSG WALDHEIM AND SECSTATE VANCE WHEN THEY  
VISITED THE REGION IN FEBRUARY (REFTELS) THESE MOST  
RECENT EFFORTS EVIDENCE INCREASING COORDINATION  
AND CONFIDENCE ON THE PART OF THE ELECTED WB LEADER-  
SHIP. ACCORDING TO HALHUL'S MAYOR MILHAM, ENGLISH  
DRAFTING IS DONE BY HIMSELF AND AL BIREH'S  
TAWIL, HOWEVER, AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NABLUS'  
SHAKA' AND HEBRON'S QAWASMI (REPRESENTING THE TWO LARGEST WB  
TOWNS) FORMS THE BASIS FOR THE JOINING EFFORTS. TACTFULLY,  
BETHLEHEM'S FREIJ IS SOMETIMES ASKED FOR ADVICE BEFORE DRAFTS  
ARE FINALIZED, HOWEVER, HE HAS CONSISTENTLY RESISTED DECLARATIONS  
OF SUPPORT FOR THE PLO. RAMALLAH'S KHALAF WHO HAD BEEN  
INSTRUMENTAL IN STATING WB POSITIONS E.G., HIS STATE-  
MENT TO CAIRO SUMMIT, HAS NOT PLAYED A LEADING ROLE  
SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PRO-PLO NEWSPAPER AL  
FAJR. SUBSTANCE OF STATEMENTS BANAL AND SUBSERVIENT;  
PREVIOUS EFFORTS BY KHALAF TO NUDGE THE PLO, FOR  
EXAMPLE, TO ACCEPT A WB/GAZA STATE WITH THE 1967  
BORDERS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. HOWEVER, NABLUS-  
HEBRON ENTENTE AT LEAST PROVIDES THE STRUCTURE  
FOR UNITED, IF NOT INDEPENDENT (VIS-A-VIS THE PLO)  
WB POSITIONS.  
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